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IN THE CLAIMS

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please **AMEND** the claims in accordance with the following:

Please **CANCEL** claims 1 and 14.

1. (CANCELED)

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus with a standby mode as set forth in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said initialization part comprises a BIOS, and said initialization processing comprises a POST.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~The~~An apparatus with a standby mode, ~~as set forth in claim 1, characterized by further comprising:~~

an initialization part performing initialization processing of at least a part of said apparatus;

a standby mode shifting part shifting said apparatus to the standby mode while maintaining a state of said apparatus initialized by said initialization part;

a restoration part restoring said apparatus from the standby mode, according to said standby mode shifting part with said initialized state being maintained;

a boot part for performing boot processing of said apparatus by a power supply being turned on; and

a selection part capable of selectively setting whether the initialization processing according to said initialization part is made when said apparatus is shifted to the standby mode by said standby mode shifting part, or before or at the time when the boot processing is performed by said power supply being ~~turning~~turned on.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus with a standby mode as set forth in

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claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said initialization part and said selection part comprise a BIOS, and said initialization processing comprises a POST.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus with a standby mode as set forth in claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said initialization part comprises a BIOS, and said initialization processing comprises a POST, and said selection part ~~comprises an~~is part of an OS.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus with a standby mode as set forth in claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the selective setting according to said selection part is performed at ~~the~~a time of shutdown processing of ~~an~~the OS.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~The~~An apparatus, comprising: with a standby mode as set forth in claim 4, characterized in that said initialization part performs the initialization processing

an initialization part performing initialization processing of at least a part of said apparatus upon receipt of an instruction for placing said apparatus into a non-working a standby condition;

a standby mode shifting part shifting said apparatus to the standby mode while maintaining a state of said apparatus initialized by said initialization part; and

a restoration part restoring said apparatus from the standby mode, according to said standby mode shifting part with said initialized state being maintained.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A program~~computer readable recording medium storing at least one program for operating a computer system with a standby mode, ~~said program making said computer system function as~~ according to a process comprising:

an initialization part for performing initialization processing of initializing said computer system upon receipt of an instruction to place the computer system into the standby mode;

a standby mode shifting part for shifting said computer system to the standby mode while maintaining said initialized state of said computer system; and

a restoration part for restoring said computer system from said standby mode with said initialized state thereof being maintained.

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9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~program~~medium as set forth in claim 8 wherein said program further ~~makes a selection part function to selectively set~~sets one of a first mode in which said initialization processing is performed before said computer system is shifted to said standby mode, and a second mode in which said initialization processing is performed at ~~the~~a time when said computer system is powered on.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~program~~medium as set forth in claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said program comprises a BIOS, and said initialization processing comprises a POST.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~program~~medium as set forth in claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said initialization processing and the shifting of said computer system to said standby mode are performed based on a specified shutdown ~~form~~ of an ~~the~~ OS.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A ~~program~~computer readable recording medium storing at least one program for operating a computer system ~~with a standby mode, said program making said computer system function as~~ according to a process comprising:
an operating part for operating said computer system; and
a ~~selection part for selectively setting one of a first mode and a second mode, said first mode being such that giving another program is given an instruction for shifting said computer system to a stand-by~~standby state while performing initialization processing of said computer system at ~~the~~a time of shutdown processing of said operating part, said second mode being ~~such that said initialization processing is performed~~initializing said computer system before booting for said operating of the computer system ~~part is booted.~~

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~program~~medium as set forth in claim 12, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said instruction for shifting said computer system to a ~~non-working condition~~the standby state comprises selection of said first mode.

14. (CANCELLED)

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~The~~A method for controlling an apparatus with a standby mode, ~~as set forth in claim 14, characterized by further comprising:~~

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~~a step of rebooting said apparatus in response to receipt of an instruction for placing said apparatus into a non-working~~the standby condition,

~~wherein said initialization step is performed~~initializing said apparatus after said reboot step~~rebooting;~~

shifting said apparatus to the standby mode while maintaining the initialized state thereof;
and

restoring said apparatus from said standby mode in response to receipt of an instruction for placing said apparatus into the standby mode.

16. (NEW) A method, comprising:

initializing a computer, upon receipt of a standby instruction to place the computer into a standby mode;

shifting said computer to the standby mode while maintaining an initialized state of said computer based upon the initializing; and

restoring said computer from said standby mode with said initialized state thereof being maintained.